Item 1

9th November 2023

Glasgow City Council

Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee

Report by Director of Legal and Administration

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PETITION – "Keep our Kibble Palace Free"

Purpose of Report:

To consider the petition entitled "Keep Our Kibble Palace Free".

Recommendation:

The Committee is requested to consider the petition entitled "Keep Our Kibble Palace Free" as set out in Appendix 1 of this report in accordance with the approved guidance for dealing with public petitions.

Ward No(s):	Citywide:
Local member(s) advised: Yes √☐ No ☐	consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

1. Background

1.1 The Council established a Public Petitions and General Purposes Policy Development Committee on 17th May 2012, with the terms of reference including:-'To consider petitions addressed to Glasgow City Council in accordance with the Council's approved petitions procedure and determine the appropriate action to be taken within the terms of the procedure'.

1.2 The public petitions process and guidance was subsequently approved by the Executive Committee on 15th November 2012. Petitioning public bodies is one of a number of mechanisms through which members of the public and local businesses/organisations can have a direct influence and role in the policy development process by raising matters of concern.

1.3 On 14th September 2017 the Council approved revised decision-making arrangements, including the Terms of Reference for the Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement City Policy Committee which the committee noted on 28th September 2017. Consideration of public petitions is now within the remit of this committee.

2. Considerations

2.1 The Council received a petition entitled "Keep Our Kibble Palace Free" for consideration on 1st September 2023 on behalf of individuals with 1626 online signatures and 669 paper signatures, 25 of which have been validated in accordance with the criteria approved by the Executive Committee regarding the submission of petitions. The Principal Petitioner's statement petition is set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

2.2 The petition has been referred to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability for comment and he has been requested to attend the committee. Comments from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability are detailed in Appendix 2 of this report. The Principal Petitioner is Fiona Douglas and she has indicated that she wishes to make a statement to the committee.

2.3 Following consideration of a petition, the committee will decide on the appropriate action to be taken within the approved guidance for dealing with public petitions as follows:-

(a) agree the issue(s) raised deserves further action and agree to refer the petition to another council committee, officer or other organisation or

(b) agree the issue(s) raised does not merit further action.

3. Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial:	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition
Legal:	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition
Personnel:	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition
Procurement:	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition
Council Strategic Plan:	A Well Governed City that Listens and Responds – Priority 92

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2017-22	No; not required as this is not a new strategy, policy or service
What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?	Not applicable
Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage.	Not applicable

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental:	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition
Social, including Article 19 opportunities:	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition
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Economic:	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition
Privacy and Data Protection impacts:	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition

4. Recommendations

4.1 The Committee is requested to consider the petition entitled "Keep Our Kibble Palace Free" as set out in Appendix 1 of this report in accordance with the approved guidance for dealing with public petitions.